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W. GERMAN LEADERS URGE STRENGTHENING OF OCCUPATION

Bonn, Aug. 23.

Both the West German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer, and the Socialist Opposition leader, Dr Kurt Schumacher, today agreed that only a speedy increase in American occupation forces in Germany could decisively strengthen Western European defences.

They both said that a remilitarisation of Germany or the raising of a stronger police force alone would not solve the German security problem.

Dr Adenauer, at a press conference this morning, declared that the reinforcement of Allied troops in West Germany as soon as possible was absolutely necessary. He made, however, a strong plea for increased West German police forces to counteract Soviet zone activities aimed at undermining West Germany.

While Dr Adenauer contended that such a force, equalling the East German People's Police in number, equipment and training, would, together with reinforcements of occupation troops in Germany, hold the Communists in check, Dr Schumacher said that it was "absurd to believe that West Germany could with a police force successfully counter the Soviet zone People's Police."

If the People's Police were to march against West Germany, they would march behind the Russians, and not ahead of them, as their role would be similar to the Nazi SS, to fix their claws into the country.

TIME GIVEN

Dr Schumacher said, too, he hoped that the "Allies will not give the Russians any more time, as they have done during the last five years. The Americans have already given time to the Russians which they cannot make up, even by hectic rearmament. It cannot be made up by any sort of German rearmament either."

At a later press conference, Dr Schumacher said that the only possible defence of Western Europe would be the concentration of the present part of the military strength of world democracy in Germany.

A large part of the American divisions should be trained in Germany.

During his press conference, Adenauer said that in the Soviet zone "there exist a very strong Soviet Army which is faced by only a few Allied divisions." Relaxation in international tension would only come when the Russian plan to occupy the West German zone was abandoned.

They Wait —Sleeping



Valerie Mitchell of Hull and her dog felt the heat and fell to sleep on the curb as they waited with hundreds of others outside Clarence House for news of the birth of the Royal Baby.—(Central Press).

Military Alliance Between China And Viet-Minh Alleged

Saigon, Aug. 23.

It was announced today that French troops captured a document which sets forth the terms of a military alliance between Red China and the Communist-led Indochinese rebels.

The authorities said the document bore the seal of the Indochinese Viet Minh guerilla movement and appears to be a copy of the original.

The document, a military plan for attack and defence, said that Chinese Communist troops would cross the border and help the Viet Minh forces "repel attacks" of any "imperialist" troops sent into Indo-China.

The Viet Minh guerillas, led by Ho Chi Minh, revolted against the French after World War II and set up a regime which has since been recognised by Russia and other Communist countries.

The document said the treaty was signed in the Chinese town of Mengtze on June 5 by Chinese and Viet Minh representatives. It provided:

- (1) In case of an "invasion" Chinese and Viet Minh troops would cross their common border when "sanctioned by the highest military authorities."
 - (2) "To avoid disputes," Chinese troops in Indo-China would wear Viet Minh insignia or declare themselves volunteers. The same would apply to Viet Minh troops operating in Chinese territory.
 - (3) In the event of joint operations each army is to provide its own equipment and food.
 - (4) Chinese naval and air forces would assist if necessary.
- The document said the Chinese Communists would be prepared to send five divisions, military advisers and technicians.—United Press.

Sailor Killed By Yak Fighters

London, Aug. 23.

The Admiralty announced today that one sailor was killed when Russian-built Yak fighters bombed and strafed the destroyer, Comus, off Korea on Tuesday night. The damage to the Comus was not serious. The dead seaman's name is being withheld until his relatives have been notified.—United Press.

War Vehicles

Birmingham, Aug. 23.

The Austin Motor Company, one of Britain's biggest car manufacturers, today confirmed that it had received a Government order for "some thousands" of fighting vehicles as part of the current arms drive.—Reuter.

COMMUNIST THRUSTS AT TAEGRU BROKEN UP

Launch Tragedy Off Spain

Redondela, Spain, Aug. 23. Forty-three children were feared dead today after a motor launch overturned in the sea last night. Authorities said 29 bodies had been recovered and 14 others were missing.

The children, members of the Falange Youth, captured the launch when they all rushed to one side to save one of their number who had fallen overboard. The remainder of more than 70 children aboard were rescued by fishermen.—United Press.

Sea Scouts Missing In The Channel

London, Aug. 23. Ten British Sea Scouts are missing in the English Channel in a sailing whaler which has not been seen since it left Calais on August 20. The Boy Scouts Association announced tonight. A spokesman of the Boy Scouts Association said tonight that the whaler was believed to have left Calais on Sunday, August 20. They had planned to be back in England by Monday night.

Ships in the Channel were tonight warned to watch out for the sailing whaler. The French port authorities at Calais have given up as drowned the Sea Scouts who left here on Saturday at 8.30 a.m. GMT making for Ramsgate.

Radio messages to Channel shipping have yielded nothing. A port officer said he was on duty on Saturday morning when two Scouts came and asked him for a weather report. He told them the sea was rough, the sky cloudy and the outlook distinctly unfavourable for sailing.

The conversation took place in French, which the Scouts do not speak very well. Shortly afterward, without notifying the port police or the Customs authorities, the whaler sailed out of Calais.

According to reports received in Calais no one on land or sea has seen the vessel or its crew since.—Reuter.

Dutch Will Send Veterans To Korea

San Francisco, Aug. 23. J. P. Bourdrez, chief of the School of Information Bureau in Washington, announced today that some 2,000 Dutch veterans have volunteered for service in Korea and will be en route to join the United Nations forces in a few weeks.

He said that all had at least two years of experience in Indo-China and were well versed in guerrilla tactics. About 30 per cent were Marines, trained in the United States during the last war.

Mr Bourdrez said the Dutch force scheduled to leave Holland soon will be equivalent to two battalions and will be accompanied to Korea by a Dutch women's auxiliary.—United Press.

Getting Ready For Korea

The aircraft carrier Unicorn and the cruiser Ceylon on board the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders and the Middlesex Regiment will be transported to Korea, berthed alongside the Kowloon Wharf early this morning.

The warships are standing by for the embarkation of the troops for Korea tomorrow, and taking on stores.

Night Attacks Shattered By 27th U.S. Regiment SEVERE BOMBING RAIDS

Korea, Aug. 24.

The 27th Regiment knocked out two more Communist attacks last night and frustrated an enemy effort to break through toward Taegu. Allied reconnaissance reported that the enemy is shifting his weight eastward.

The road from Taegu to Kunwi is littered with wreckage of Communist trucks smashed in six days and nights by heavy American artillery fire.

The first attack on the 27th Regiment last night hit the left flank at 7.15 p.m. when an estimated two companies tried to penetrate the Regiment's lines. Within an hour the American infantry with artillery firing in extremely close support had kicked it back.

The second Communist attack jumped off about midnight on the right flank where the South Korean troops had moved in during the afternoon along a ridge where the Communists had made and lost a penetration several days ago.

The Reds pushed into the South Korean lines but the South Koreans rallied with the support of American artillery and halted the attack.

Air and ground patrols late last night reported that at least part of the three divisions which have been pounding on the gates of Taegu from the north were shifting eastward. It was not clear whether this meant an abandonment of the attempt to drive down Kunwi to the former South Korean provisional capital, but military quarters believed that regrouping and strengthening of Communist positions 15 miles or so to the east was underway. This would put them in front of the ROK Sixth and Eighth Divisions.

Communist storms brewed up on three fronts of the Korean defence perimeter yesterday. Six or seven Red divisions were reported to be aiming for a possible co-ordinated three-pronged attack, coupled with ground behind the lines guerrilla activity.

United States soldiers fought the North Koreans to a standstill just north of Taegu and were digging in behind barbed wire west of Pusan for an expected enemy offensive.

General MacArthur's and the Eighth Army Headquarters at Korea said the main positions along the Korean front were unchanged. The Nakdong River line was quiet with only occasional artillery fire by the Communists surrounding the Communist bridgehead south-west of Taegu.

Allied fighter bombers were out in force under clear skies this morning. Their principal ground support targets were the concentrations of Communist divisions north of Taegu, at least one division in the southwest and another in the Hyonpung pocket area where the Communists had two regiments on the east bank of the Nakdong river within 15 miles of Taegu.

The full strength of the Communist concentrations would represent 60,000 to 70,000 men but several of the divisions involved have been weakened although they received some replacements. Their combat efficiency has been lowered but they still represent a threat to the Allied Korean beachhead.

AIR ATTACK

Fleet Marine Force carrier planes hit the Reds today 25 miles northeast of Taegu in close support of the South Korean troops.

Pilots reported that the South Koreans seemed to be getting the best of localised engagement although heavily outnumbered. Major William M. Lundin, who led the flight, said the South Koreans fought well throughout the afternoon. He added that casualties were visible in fox-holes and trenches.

Earlier, the flight blasted the villages where the Communists had driven out the inhabitants to a nearby river bank. The village buildings were being used as warehouses for fuel and ammunition and some blew up when hit.

The planes strafed Red troops running from the explosions and reported heavy casualties.—United Press.

In an effort to break the backs of two main threats to the United Nations' foothold on Korea, B-26 Invader bombers today unloaded 1,000-pound bombs—scoring "many hits," pilots said—on Communist troops and supply dumps.

The bombs landed in the heart of North Korean concentrations at Souzan, 30 miles north-west of threatened Taegu, and smashed up marshalling yards at Suncheon, 28 miles west of Chinju, south coast base for assaults on Mian and the approaches to General MacArthur's supply harbour at Pusan.

West of Mian, on the south coast, the American 25th Division late today reported diminishing Northern attacks, and was digging in on high ground lost and retaken several times in the past three days.

On the east coast, South Koreans advancing six miles north-west of re-captured Kigye, struck heavy resistance and were bogged down in defensive positions.—Reuter.

Royal Romance Rumours

London, Aug. 23. The third voice of a Buckingham Palace spokesman today replied to questions about a possible engagement of Britain's 20-year-old Princess Margaret with a laconic "We have no information."

Pressed for a denial that the King's younger daughter was contemplating matrimony with the Duke of Gloucester's wealthy heir, the 27-year-old Earl of Balfour, the spokesman replied, "We have no information."

Rumours of romance had persistently topped Princess Margaret's birthday as the day she would announce her betrothal. But as the birthday, last Monday, passed with no announcement, Buckingham Palace has been flooded with enquiries.—Reuter.

Wuerttemberg Mystery

Karlsruhe, Aug. 23. The police here were today still investigating the disappearance of Dr Otto Nikolaus, Wuerttemberg-Baden's chief of the Finance Ministry who has been missing from his home since last Thursday.

More than 200 police combed the surrounding countryside in vain. Police officials did not exclude his having been the victim of "a political crime."

He was known to have had threatening letters in recent months.—Reuter.

Canberra Conflict Over Big Loan

Canberra, Aug. 23.

The acting Prime Minister, Mr Arthur Fadden, said today that the International Bank's US\$100,000,000 loan to Australia would pay "hand-some economic returns" and enable the country to play a more effective part in world economy.

"The loan will provide Australia with plant and machinery needed for development during the next two years . . . and all will break production bottlenecks," said Mr Fadden. "Repayment is well within Australia's capacity."

The International Bank announced the loan on Tuesday. Professor Sir Douglas Copland, vice-chancellor of the National University, said that with the target of 200,000 increase in the population annually by immigration, the loan would be a disincentive device.

The former Australian Minister of Immigration and Information, Mr Arthur A. Calwell, declared it a matter for national mourning, and not rejoicing, that the Government had pledged the credit of Australia for "another loan in the pawnshops of New York."

Now a Labour Member of Parliament, Mr Calwell said pay.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Kashmir Causing Concern

SO remarkable has been the advance towards a more wholesome atmosphere in relations between India and Pakistan as the result of earnest and sincere personal endeavours of the Prime Ministers, Pandit Nehru and Liaquat Ali Khan, that the announcement by Sir Owen Dixon revealing that he has been compelled to abandon further attempts to find an acceptable formula for solving the Kashmir dispute will be studied with regret, not unmixed with dismay. It was never an easy problem to tackle. Feeling is liable to run high on both sides, except when discussion is reserved to proved and practical statesmen of the calibre of Mr Nehru and Mr Ali Khan, and dispute could not have persisted so long to the detriment of the internal economy of both diminished trade, heavy expenditure on special security measures, unless there was some validity in the rival viewpoints. With his mediation efforts, Sir Owen Dixon struggled valiantly for nearly three months. Concentration in the initial stages was on detailed proposals conforming to the resolutions of the United Nations Commission specifying an all-over plebiscite as the means of settlement. Long conferences in Delhi with the two Prime Ministers proved fruitless. Exchanges of views with the friendliest frankness did little but convince the Australian mediator that no possibility of agreement existed along the lines recommended by the Commission. The only hope remaining lay in a fresh exploration of the whole problem, in search of a compromise calling for give and take. The solution he finally proffered would have partitioned Kashmir according to the desires of the inhabitants of specified zones, without creating geographical islands, and where the verdict of the com-

munities could not easily be forecast, those would be the areas for plebiscite. To the outside observer, this formula has, of course, much to commend it, as reasonable and as bearing the appearance of the sort of solution which will probably be inevitable, outside a resort to force. Protracted negotiations, however, ended in deadlock and Sir Owen had exhausted not his patience but his ingenuity. It does not follow that no answer can be found. Pandit Nehru and Mr Ali Khan, esteemed as leaders of high national and international responsibility, cannot dismiss the subject from their minds and cannot postpone indefinitely a further bid to remove a festering sore. Kashmir stands as the only formidable barrier to a good neighbourliness between two countries whose understanding may be vitally important to the destinies of Asia, and in this time of crisis in world affairs, no step offering the slightest prospect of removing differences which weaken both nations can permissibly be overlooked. And surely the spirit is there. Within a few weeks, by precept and example, the Prime Ministers brought an end to that perilous period of grave communal strife, which caused upheaval in Bengal and threatened to spread to cataclysmic dimensions throughout the sub-continent. New trade agreements were greeted, much was done to relieve financial stresses caused by antipathies. Signs of a new approach built on sure foundations were highly encouraging, with Kashmir the solitary blemish. It is impossible to conceive lack of appreciation of the dangers of stalemate in New Delhi and Karachi or failure to direct active attention to the task of breaking it. Goodwill and a spirit of compromise are essential. The alternatives are gloomy.

WOMANSENSE

Fashion booms in the holiday towns

by EILEEN ASCROFT

SOUTH coast holiday resorts are enjoying a fashion boom.

The crowds are smart, better groomed than since pre-war days. Even the men have undergone a revolution in sensible dressing and now appear in cool Palm Beach suits, linen trousers and shorts and open-necked sports shirts instead of the old waistcoat and braces that used to make English beaches a subject of musical humour.

Seaside Spotlight

Picked out at Brighton... a black linen strapless dress for dancing, worn with white broderie Anglaise stole... a lemon yellow waffle pique sun dress with a matching shawl... like the traditional millmaid wore... a white skirt of Turkish towelling buttoned over a navy blue swimsuit.

Rotterdam sports many South of France beach fashions. During a recent holiday resort fashion tour I saw men in bikini trunks, women in strapless nylon suits.

At Eastbourne I stayed to watch the after-dark fashions. On the dance floor of a big hotel I admired a strapless ballet-length style in black pique, a full-skirted halter-necked model in white shawl and one of the most useful of all holiday dresses to pack, a light-weight, uncrushable chiffon nylon in string colour, with coral neck-

lace and bracelets on both neckcloth with sea shell buttons.

River styles in the Thames Valley over the holiday week-end included a dress and coat in white gaberdine, the coat lightbeers in a cobalt village lined to match the scarf with wide matching belts and linen tangerine silk, and a slacks and shirt, one in primrose, one in lumber-shit ensemble in natural rose pink.

Something to argue about on the bench

1—Should Husband and Wife Have Separate Holidays? My vote would be "No," because I think it wrong that the best two weeks of the year should be spent with strangers and not shared.

2—Should Children Share Their Parents' Holiday? The ideal is probably half and half. This gives the children a chance to know their father away from the everyday routine of office and school, but also gives the mother a real rest. The company of young children can be very exhausting, and there is no mother, however devoted, who does not find an occasional rest from her offspring refreshing.

3—Should Young People Holiday Together Before Marriage? This may be old-fashioned, but I would be against it, unless a group of young people were going together.

A Common Complaint

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

ONE of the most widespread of Nature's signals are also important causes for simple constipation. Everybody experiences this condition from time to time and, for many people, it is an everyday affair.

A number of different factors may contribute to its development. 1. Sometimes it results from a simple lack of roughage in the diet, or failure to drink enough water.

2. Improper training or long-continued neglect to respond to Nature's signals are also important causes for simple constipation.

3. The abuse of laxatives is another common cause. For example, many laxatives will completely empty the large bowel of food residue. Another bowel movement should not be expected for two or three days. During this period, however, many people continue to take laxatives with the idea that the constipation is still present. This only causes irritation of the bowel with spasms and other symptoms. Eventually such a habit results in a severe form of constipation.

4. The muscles of the intestines may be weakened by lack of exercise, old age, and long-continued wasting diseases. This, in turn, may be accompanied by constipation. A spasm of the muscle at the lower opening of the bowel may also contribute to constipation. This spasm may be caused by inflammation in this area.

In order to treat constipation, the cause must be found and removed. If the trouble is due to weakness of the muscles, exercises should be employed which will strengthen these muscles. Laxatives in general should be discontinued.

While the proper habits are being formed, mineral oil is quite helpful. It should be taken at night before retiring. There are certain preparations, such as psyllium and methylcellulose, which take up water. These are also useful. All of these preparations can be stopped as soon as satisfactory bowel movements occur.

Patient should be allowed plenty of time to be allowed for bowel evacuation. The patient should eat regular meals containing enough bulky foods, but no excess.

If the bowel has been irritated from the use of laxatives, the diet should be non-irritating, the amount of bulky foods should be reduced, and highly seasoned foods eliminated.

Summer Traveller



By Prunella Wood

Anthony Dilla

AN EXCLUSIVE fabric, silk and wool, woven together, is the important news in this well cut shirtmaker destined for many a travel tale this summer. The colour is a soft, mottled light gray, with pearl shell buttons to match.

With or without a hat, it is good; with a short jacket it doubles for a suit; with a long coat it is excellent travel stuff for places where the weather is cool before and after noon.

Brighten Window Outlook

By ELEANOR ROSS

ONE of the best methods of giving a new fresh look to the home is to do right by the windows. And no matter how pretty the draper, how crisp the curtains, unless the Venetian blinds are in good order and of good appearance, the whole effect will be ruined. While Venetians stand up well for years, there comes the time when a new installation is desirable, or perhaps you might want to replace the old wood variety with some of those new aluminium jobs.

It isn't all difficult to measure the windows for their new outfit, so why not save time and a service job by doing it yourself. When taking measurements, always use a rule of wood or steel.

Be Accurate
If measuring for an inside installation, that is, a blind within the window frame, be absolutely accurate. Measure for width and note the exact number of inches from one side of the window to the other. Measure this width at the point at the top of the window where the brackets are placed.

Then take another measurement from the top inside casing to the window sill. In no case, make any allowances since all stock shades include likely allowances. Incidentally, stock blinds come in widths up to 48 inches, and in lengths up to 72 inches.

Venetian Illusion
The picture window looks lends charm and a spacious air to any room, and even if your living room lacks such a window, a clever handling of Venetian blinds can create such an illusion in the fashion. One way is to bring your Venetian blinds to the outside or face of the window, let it overlap the frame and perhaps extend to the floor. Such a treatment conveys width and elegance to a regular window. For width, simply add three inches to either side of the outer frame of the window, and for length, start at the top edge of the casing wood and run the rule down as far as desired. This arrangement is good, too, for bedrooms for it gives an elegant look.

For The Mature Figure



By ALICE ALDEN

FOR once the more ample figure has been recognised and enhanced for the summer resort season. In all phases of fashion from ballgowns to bathing suits, in the latter category, here is a bathing suit designed for the mature figure, and fashioned along graceful lines, using hand-screened printed falls. Piped in white fall, there are white straps for a two-way décolletage.

Nurses Should Wear Cotton Lingerie

In Atlanta, Georgia, a group of five underwriters suggested that nurses in operating rooms should wear cotton, not silk or nylon, lingerie. The latter, they said, sometimes generates a spark that could explode the faces and anaesthetics.

Helpful Perfume Pointers



Before you dress, splash on a liberal amount of toilet water. Later, just before you go out, pat on a little perfume of the same scent.

By HELEN FOLLETT

SWEET perfumes have the beauty overhead. Spray your magic power to attract and to stimulate the imagination. They seem to complete the personality of a lovely woman. The perfume industry is a vast one today, and women accept there comes to those who approach you a perfume that is veiled and discreet—a mere suggestion of a pleasing odour.

The choice of a perfume is a problem to most of the girls. If the rules say "This is fashionable, this is popular," pay no heed. Your nose should be the judge, should make your decision. You and your family will have to live with the contents of the precious vial; if it isn't sweet and delicate you will regret ever buying it.

Don't overlook sachets. They are wonderful buys, are getting better every year, have longer lasting qualities than some firms put up. Some little boxes containing perfume, toilet water and sachets. There is a treasure that is well worth the money. Be lavish with the perfume, and place the sachets in dresser drawers, hat boxes, coat pockets. Your entire wardrobe will become impregnated with the brightening scent.

A Toilet Water

After the bath, spray neck, arms and chest, or put on the fragrance if you don't have an atomiser. For this application the atomiser is extraneous to use a true perfume; you should have a toilet water of the same scent; then you won't feel that you are pulling too hard on the

Your Sewing Scrapbook by Mary Brooks Picken



A Sheer, Cool, Easy-to-Wear Dress

For sleeves measure both right and left from A 1/2 arm hole; mark B and C. Measure from fold in line with B and C 1/4 bust plus 2"; mark D and E.

Form sleeves and underarms by cutting from B to D, then to F, and from C to E, then to G.

Place on Fold

Place H on fold, straight across from A. Measure from H to I 1/2 neck. Mark J 1/2" to left of H. Measure in from H 1/4" each for K. Cut from J through K to I to make neckline. For back opening cut G" from J to I on centre fold.

Cut bias strips 1 1/2" wide and join these with 1/4" seams. With this bias bind neck and centre back opening. Fold bias in half, bust to right side of neckline and stitch, as in M. Turn to wrong side and whip, as in N.

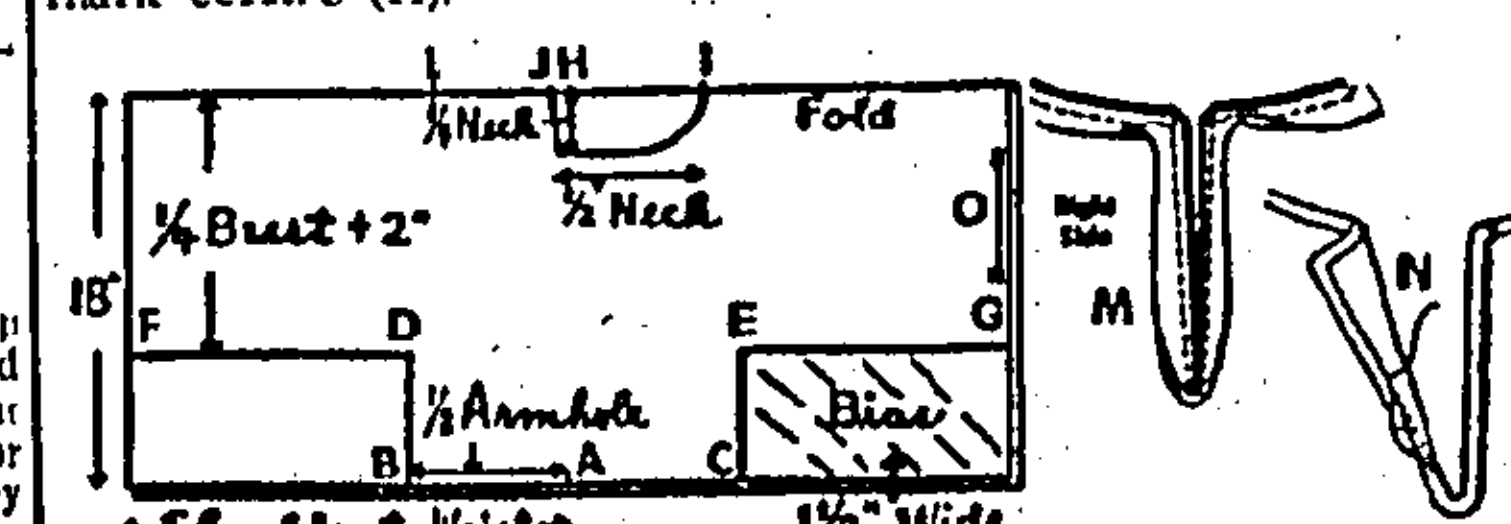
French seam underarm seams, leaving left side open 4" above waistline. Hem or bind edges of sleeves.

Gather Blouse and Skirt

Run 2 rows of gathers each side front and back of blouse, as at O. Draw up fullness so that waistline equals waist measurement. Gather top of skirt and draw up fullness to waist measurement.

Join waist and skirt. Hem side plecket opening and fasten with hook and eye at waistline.

Put dress on. Tie a belt or sash around waistline. Decide on a becoming length. Remove dress and put in hem. Press dress (A 2" length for tie sash could be torn from skirt lengths before cutting, if desired.)



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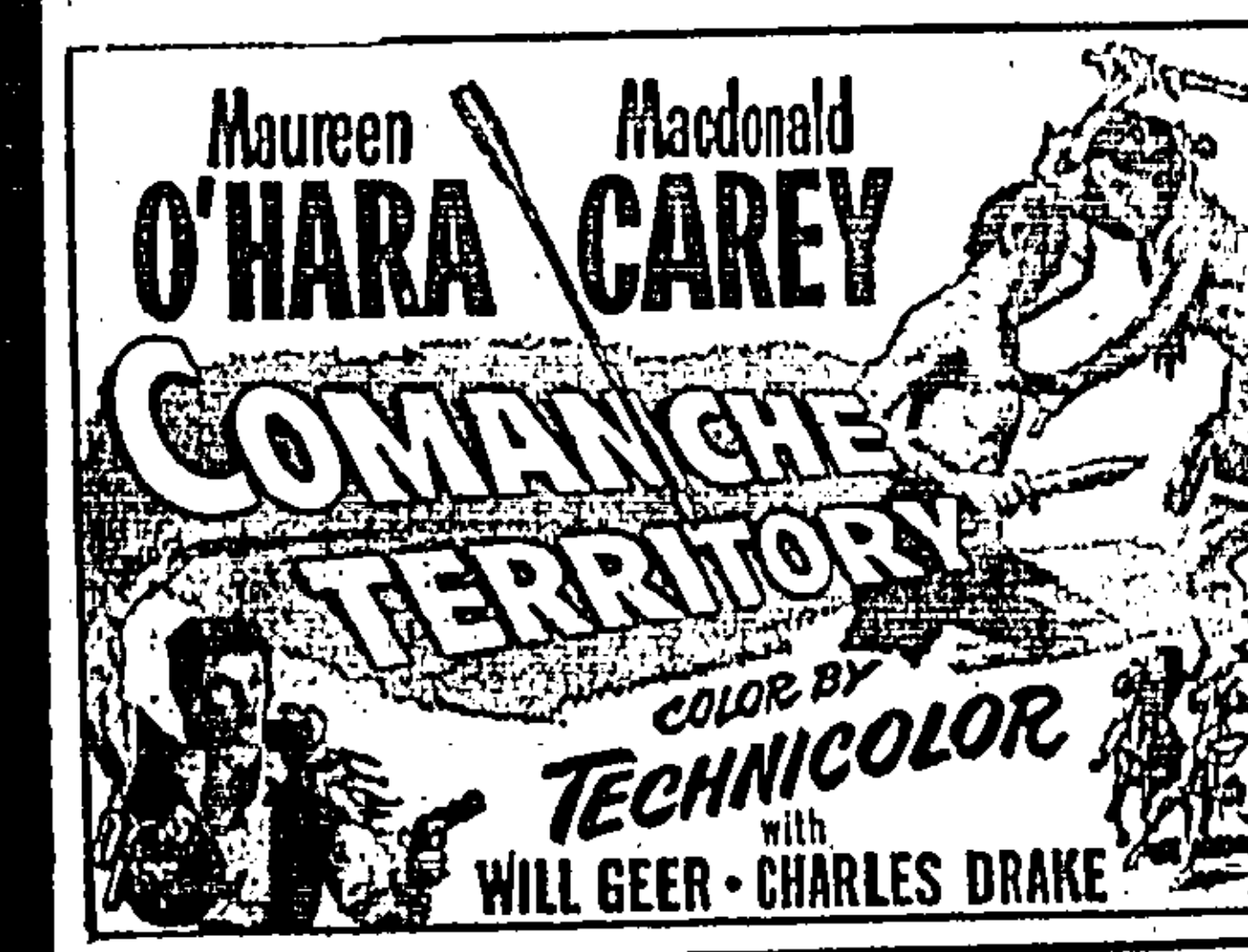
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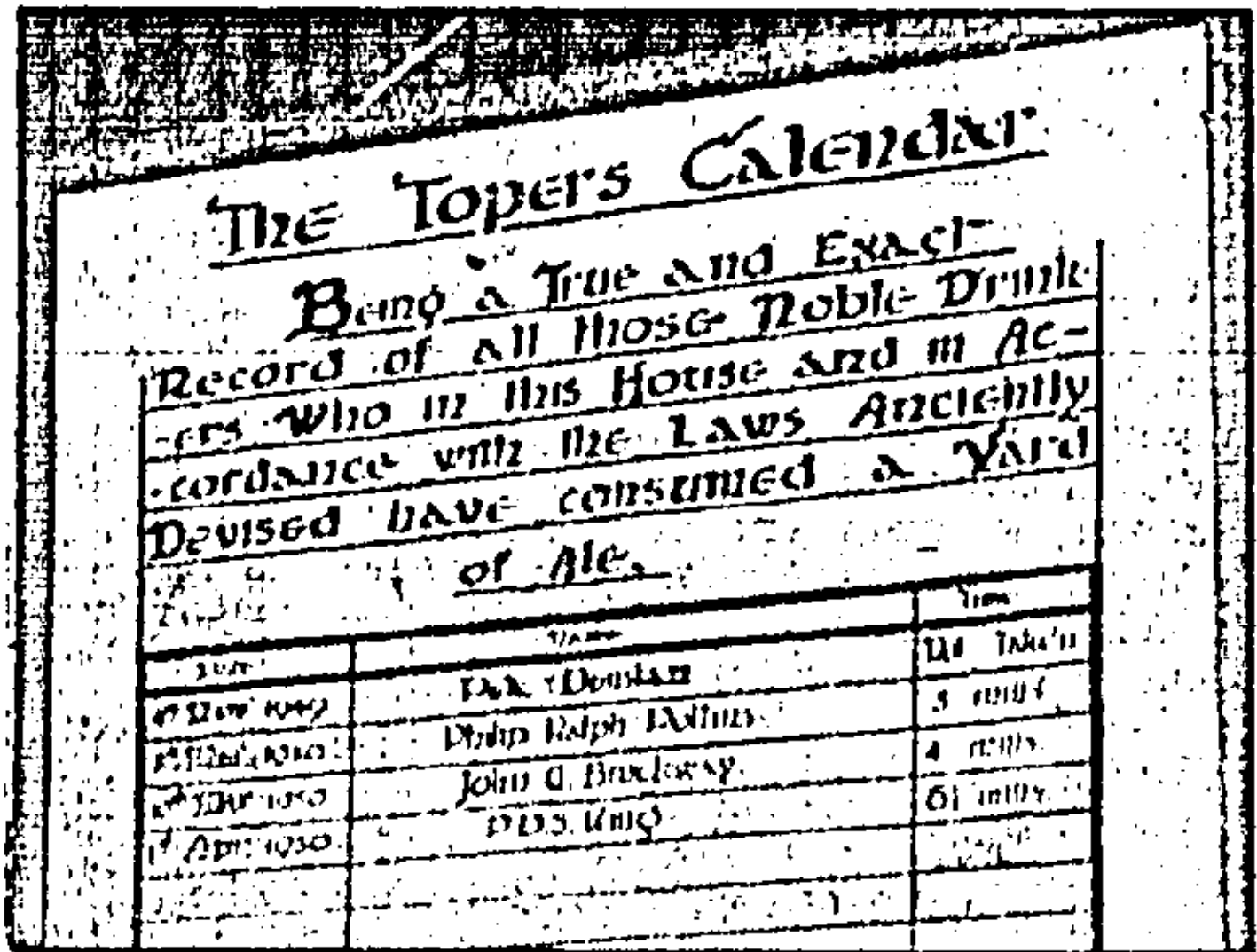
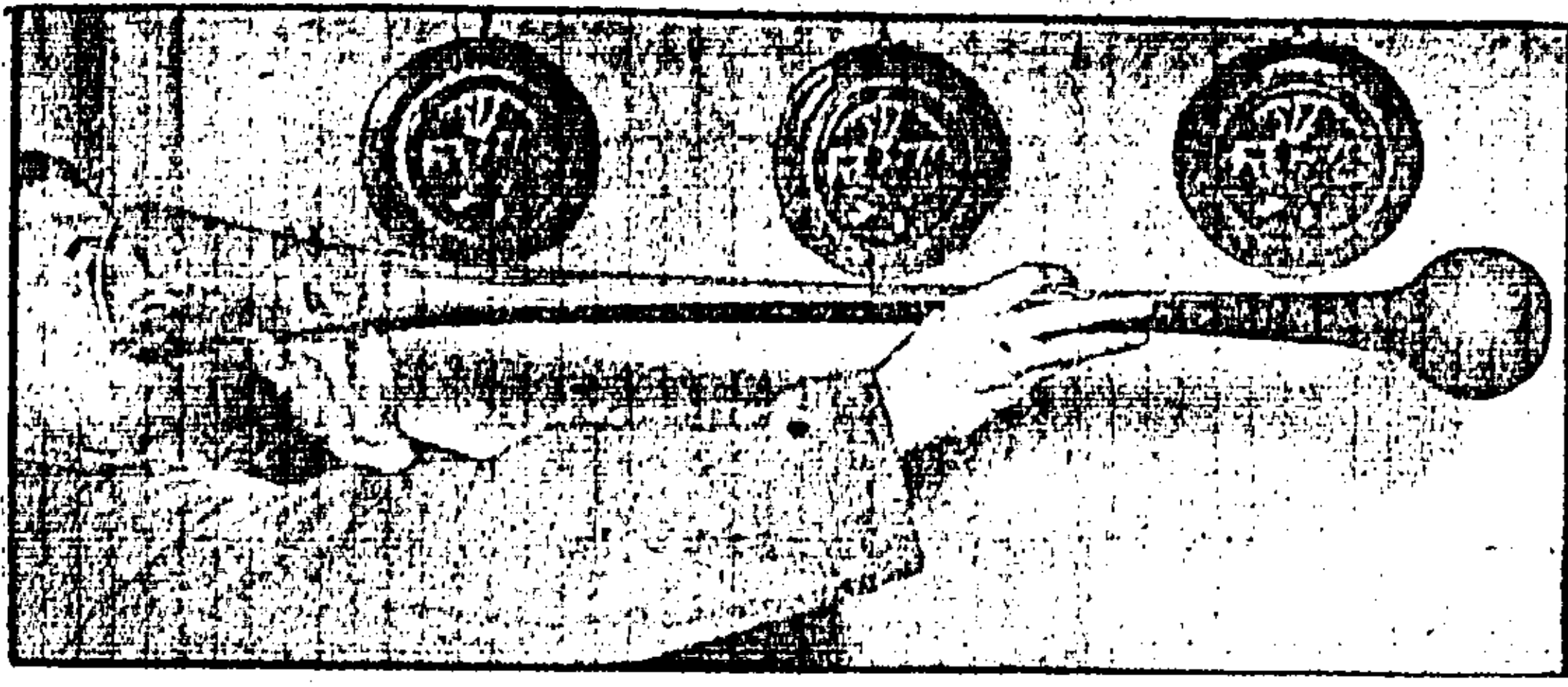
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DRINKING A YARD OF ALE



Ancient custom revived at the King's Arms, Hampton Court, is "topping." Proprietor Bill Wing provides the yard-long "glass" above—customer's job is to drink the 31 pints of beer it contains without a stop. Only four out of a hundred have so far managed it. Their names are on the "toppers" list (left). The record is three minutes.

In 1937, according to an ancient document, a man accomplished the task but afterwards fell down—dead.

London Express Service.

PACKHORSE OF THE AIR

Gauchos will no longer ride the pampas, or cowboys the prairies, if a Bourne-month firm have their way. Instead, they will use the hoppi-copter—the motor-cycle of the air—which flies 10 to 15 ft. above the ground at 45 to 50 miles an hour, carrying one person or a 200lb. payload.

The hoppi-copter, which weighs 150lb., consists of a seat, with an engine beneath and rotor blades above.

On production models it is planned to fit a Perspex front which, say the designers, will give the machine an egg-shaped appearance.

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Mr. Beresford Martin, director of the firm which is to produce the hoppi-copter, says that the machine can cover 50 miles an hour, compared with 20 miles a day by a horse.

"The hoppi-copter can be used where communications are bad or for oil pipe-line inspection," he says.

Duke At Polo Finals



THE Duke of Edinburgh spent a little time away from his wife to watch the final of the senior polo final tournament for the Henley Challenge Cup at Henley, between the Royal Navy and Oxfordshire. This was while Princess Elizabeth was awaiting the birth of her second child at Clarence House. (London Express Service).

London Diary:

Queen's Present For Her New Grand-Daughter

The Queen has received a present for her new grand-daughter. It is a silver christening spoon, the handle wrought in the shape of a dormouse. The spoon was presented to the Queen when she made a private visit to the Crafts Centre in Hay Hill, Mayfair.

For three-quarters of an hour she looked at hand-made silver, glass, furniture and textiles on show there. Her guide was Mr. John Farleigh, chairman of the Centre.

She was obviously thinking about her grandchildren. The Queen bought a rug for their nursery. It is in grey-green tapestry weave, decorated with white tufted squares.

The Queen wore a dress and three-quarter-sleeved coat of powder blue wool georgette, with diamond and ruby brooch and triple-strand of pearls. Her matching off-face hat of fine straw had two quills of ruffled tulle.

RED-PLUSH FAREWELL

GOODBYE to the red-plush table of the Cafe Royal. The ground-floor brasserie of this famous rendezvous near Piccadilly Circus is to be reconstructed.

Work will begin in January, will cost around £20,000. When it is finished, there will be little to recall the old days. In the nineties, Oscar Wilde, Frank Harris, Sir Max Beerliohn, even Bernard Shaw, were regularly there.

Later, Epstein, Augustus John, C. R. W. Nevinson, maintained the tradition.

The old Cafe Royal, full of gilt and mirrors, was closed in 1938. The present, reconstructed building was opened in 1939.

RED ROSE WELCOME

INTO London the other day came one of Hollywood's most dynamic and powerful personalities: Darryl F. Zanuck, production boss of the 20th Century Fox film company.

A deputation of nine executives gave their chief a welcome at London Airport. With them was Richard Zanuck, aged 15, who has been touring Europe with a party of students.

As his parents left the airport, Richard stepped forward, and his mother a bouquet of red roses.

Mrs. Zanuck wore a beige and emerald-striped two-piece suit. On her golden-blond hair she had a small brown beret. Her brown leather shoes were toeless and wedge-heeled. Her bag was brown leather.

SLEEP—THEN WORK

Zanuck was last in London as a colonel in the American army. Today, at 47, he is still a military figure, with close-cropped moustache.

In Hollywood he is a legend. Tales of his big money (last year he earned around £155,000), his fierce energy (he habitually works until well after midnight), his dramatic recreation (polo, skiing) and his instinct for success (he made the film musicals and "Pinky") are told by film men everywhere there.

But for his first hours in London this time Zanuck was ying low. His went to his room at Claridges, and straight to bed. He was tired after the flight. But in the afternoon he rose and began work.

Zanuck will see the first-episode of his film, "The Marked," in a routine at cutting and editing films.

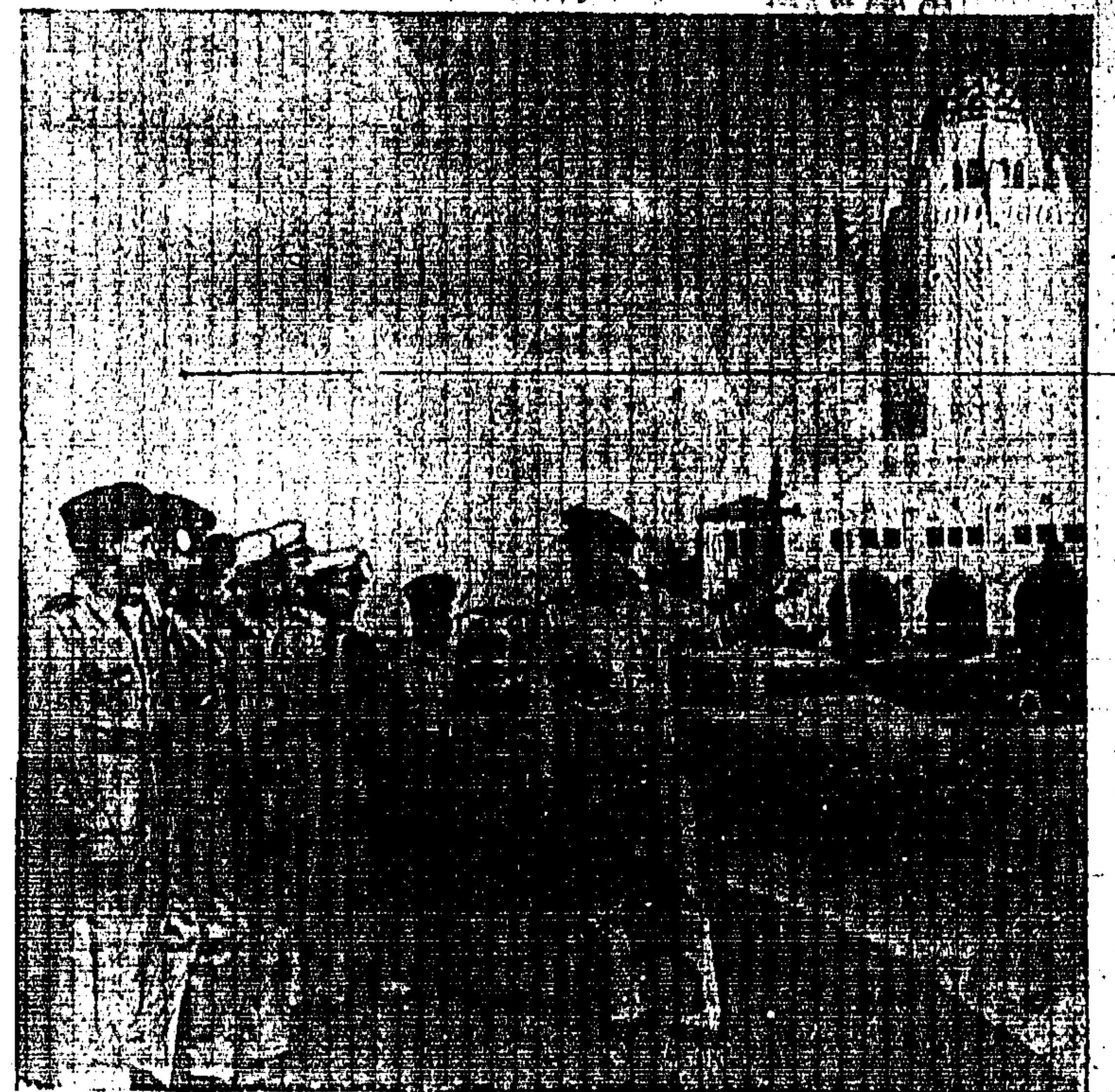
A BLOW FOR SIR JOHN

SIR JOHN WEIR, the Royal physician who is attending Princess Elizabeth, has had a personal loss. On his return from Clarence House, he found his 64-year-old manservant, Mr. Frederick Freathy, had died suddenly.

Freathy had been with Sir John 15 years.

Sir John, a bachelor, occupies part of a house in Welbeck

French Air Force Trainees



BEFORE the domed administration building at Randolph Air Force Base, near San Antonio, Texas, an American Air Force officer points out places of interest to members of the French Air Force undergoing training in the U.S. (Acme).

Scotland's Plan For Festival Of Britain

Scotland's chief contribution to the Festival of Britain 1951 will be the Exhibition of Industrial Power at the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, from May 28 to August 4. The main themes in this £380,000 exhibition will be the power of coal and water.

In these two media Scotland has a story to tell which is unsurpassed by any country in the world. At the entrance to the exhibition will be an immense crescent-shaped coal cliff on which will be huge human figures by Thomas Whitten, an Edinburgh sculptor.

The hydro-electricity section of the exhibition is entirely Scottish and illustrates how Scotland is building one of the biggest hydro-electric schemes in the world. It also attempts to portray the effect of hydro-electricity on the lives of the people of the Scottish Highlands.

The two main sequences will lead visitors into the Great Hall of the exhibition which will be devoted to shipbuilding and railways presented on a grand scale round a ship running the full length of the hall. The final presentation—atomic energy—will be on the same majestic scale. Numerous small lights will twinkle on a great dome and from the top of a metal cone lightning will crackle towards the sky to symbolize unlimited power.

The show will be by far the biggest narrative exhibition ever presented in Scotland. It will take nine weeks to build, but before the actual building can begin months of planning and preparation will be necessary.

Drilled For Water But Struck Oil

Philad. Iphn, Aug. 23. Prince Fahad al Salim of Kuwait inspected Philadelphia's water system today and commented: "Every time we drill for water in my country, we strike oil."—United Press.

Gen. Robertson To Visit Africa

Nairobi, Aug. 23. General Sir Brian Robertson, commander of the British land forces in the Middle East, will visit the British East African command on August 24-27, the East African Command announced today.—United Press.

U.S. SEEK MORE BRITISH NYLON

Manufacturers of nylon stockings in Britain have been asked by their American counterparts if they will produce for them fully-fashioned hose "in the grey," the unfinished shade of nylons before they are dyed.

These requests are understood to be due to the heavy demand in the United States for nylon yarn for the Korean battle area and the equipment of the American Army.

According to a Reuters report from Philadelphia, centre of America's nylon industry, British firms, under the American plan, would ship nylons direct to United States customers and would be paid in dollars regardless of the goods' destination.

British manufacturers discount these reports. An advantage from the import of British undyed nylons would be that the dyeing would be lighter. The American import duties are based on the home value of the goods coming in.

"CUT-THROAT POLICY"

A Leicestershire manufacturer said: "It would not take British manufacturers long to acquire any overseas customers of America whom they were applying under such a scheme, of the origin of the stockings and the effect on the American ex-

Thinks Korea War Will Wind Up Soon

Washington, Aug. 23. Representative John Davies said today that President Truman was undecided whether the United Nations forces should chase the North Koreans beyond the 38th Parallel.

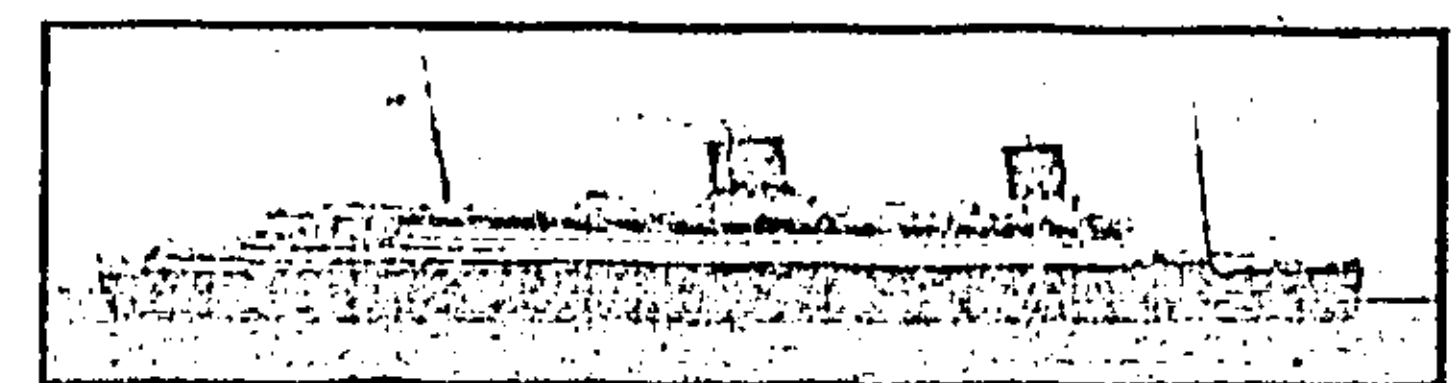
Mr. Davies called on the President to talk about the war and about New York state politics. After the conference, he said: "We both felt the war in Korea would wind up within a short time."—United Press.

India To Recognise Israel Soon

New Delhi, Aug. 23. The Indian Government is expected to announce its formal recognition of Israel soon. Informal non-official sources said today that an announcement might be made next month.—United Press.

RAISED LUXURY LINER SAILS

She has 'Piccadilly Circus' after £7 million refit



The Liberté to-day.

By GORDON HOLMAN

LE HAVRE. The world's most remarkable "convertible" ship, the 50,000-ton French liner Liberté—once the pride of the German merchant navy as the Hamburg-built Europa—has sailed from here for Southampton.

The Liberté, now as French as any liner could be, is making her return to the North Atlantic almost exactly 11 years after her last sailing from New York as a German ship.

Her west-to-east dash in August, 1939, on the eve of war, was made as a disguised and blacked-out ship.

LIGHT AND COLOUR

The liner is now in a new blaze of light and colour. As the Europa she was sunk in Hamburg in 1929 to combat a disastrous fire.

She was raised, and a year later went aground when on her trials.

In March 1930 she won the Blue Riband of the Atlantic from her sister ship, the Bremen. Her average speed was nearly 28 knots.

In 1943 she was bombed by the RAF, and a few months later she was found tilted up in Bremerhaven.

TIDAL WAVE

Three years ago, after she had been handed over to the

French, she sank in this port after a tidal wave had swept into the harbour during a gale, and caused her to break her moorings.

She was raised and reconditioned at a cost of £7 million.

Frenchmen, working day and night on a bonus system, have prepared the Liberté for sea weeks ahead of schedule.

Now she is scheduled to cross the Atlantic at 23 knots.

LONG LINES

Externally there is little change. There are still the long, straight lines, emphasised by the low bridge and squat, stream-lined funnel. Smoke "pens" have been added to the funnels.

Internally the rather dark, "clublike" appearance that travellers in the Europa remember has gone.

It is as if the French interior decorators met a challenge in each of the 11 decks.

Everywhere there is a striving after light from the sun-deck "Café de l'Atlantique" to the dainty dining room reserved for child passengers.



Inside the grand saloon.

German design, which confined the boiler uptakes to the sides of the liner, gave the Frenchmen their greatest opportunity.

LUXURY 'STREET'

On the promenade deck it is possible to walk in an uninterrupted straight line 500 ft. through the ship.

The liner's new luxury "street" can be seen from end to end through swing doors of unbreakable, unframed glass.

The "Piccadilly Circus" of this thoroughfare is the 12th long "grand salon," which is flanked on either side by six massive gold pillars.

Amidships, on the main deck, are four distinctive luxury salons which should become famous on the North Atlantic. They are named Normandy, Alsace, Provence and Algiers.

My vote for beauty goes to Algiers, with its soft blue sea.

ther-covered walls and blendings of gold and brown. This suite has two bathrooms.

THE CUISINE

Travel agents say a French ship "tells" on her cuisine. The French Line are taking no chances: they have brought in the men who made the Normandie the most notable "restaurant" afloat.

When I toured the ship, I met ex-Normandie chef pastry chef Chitillo and cocktail-bar chief Camille, also from the Normandie.

Here is Camille's recipe for the "Liberté special": 1 dash grenadine, 1 dash angostura, 1 part curacao, 2 parts kirsch, 1 part vermouth, 3 parts gin.

Passengers in the Liberté will see a glass-fronted "fire station," always manned, in which every part of the ship is represented by a fire-alarm light.

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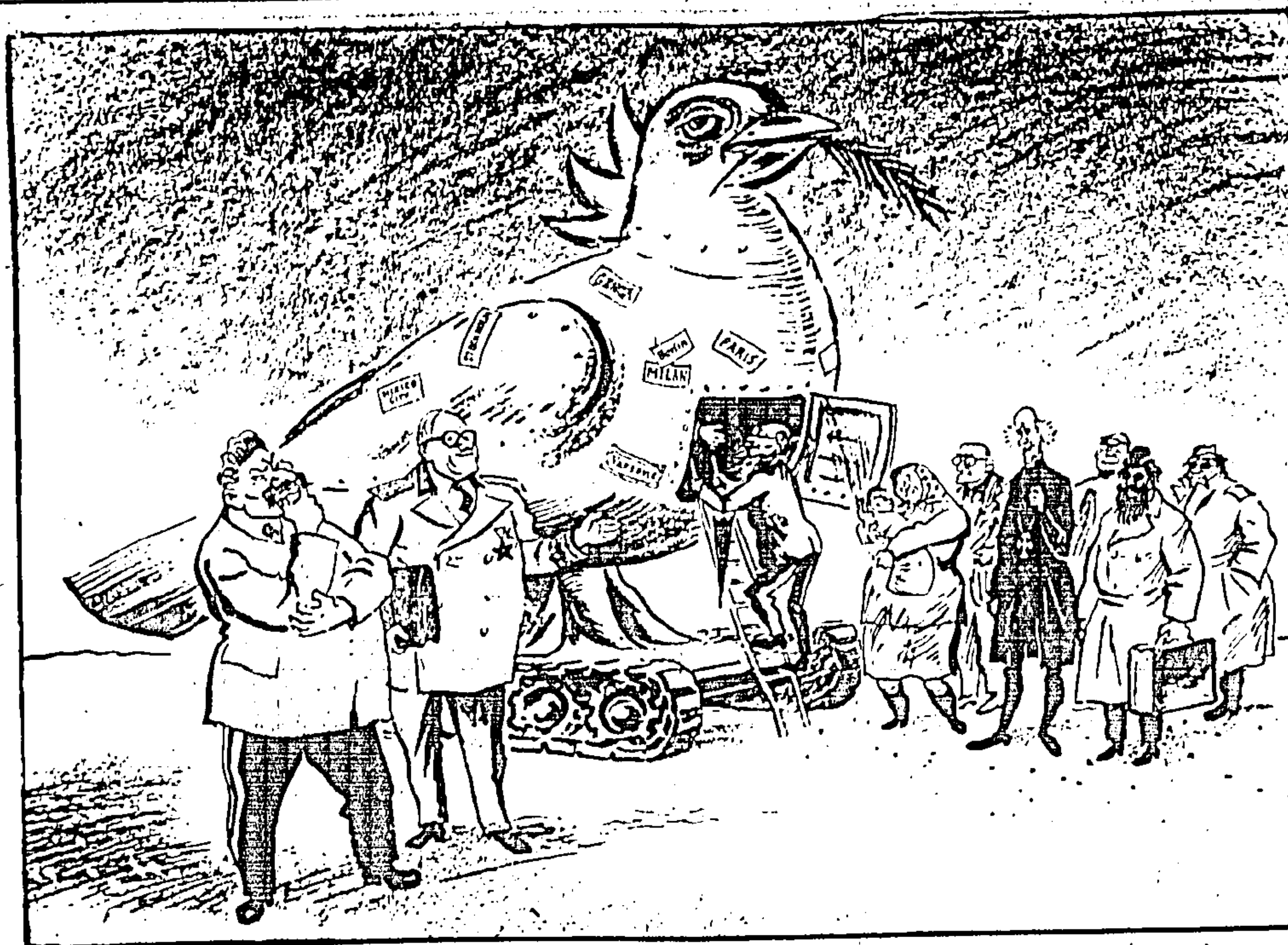
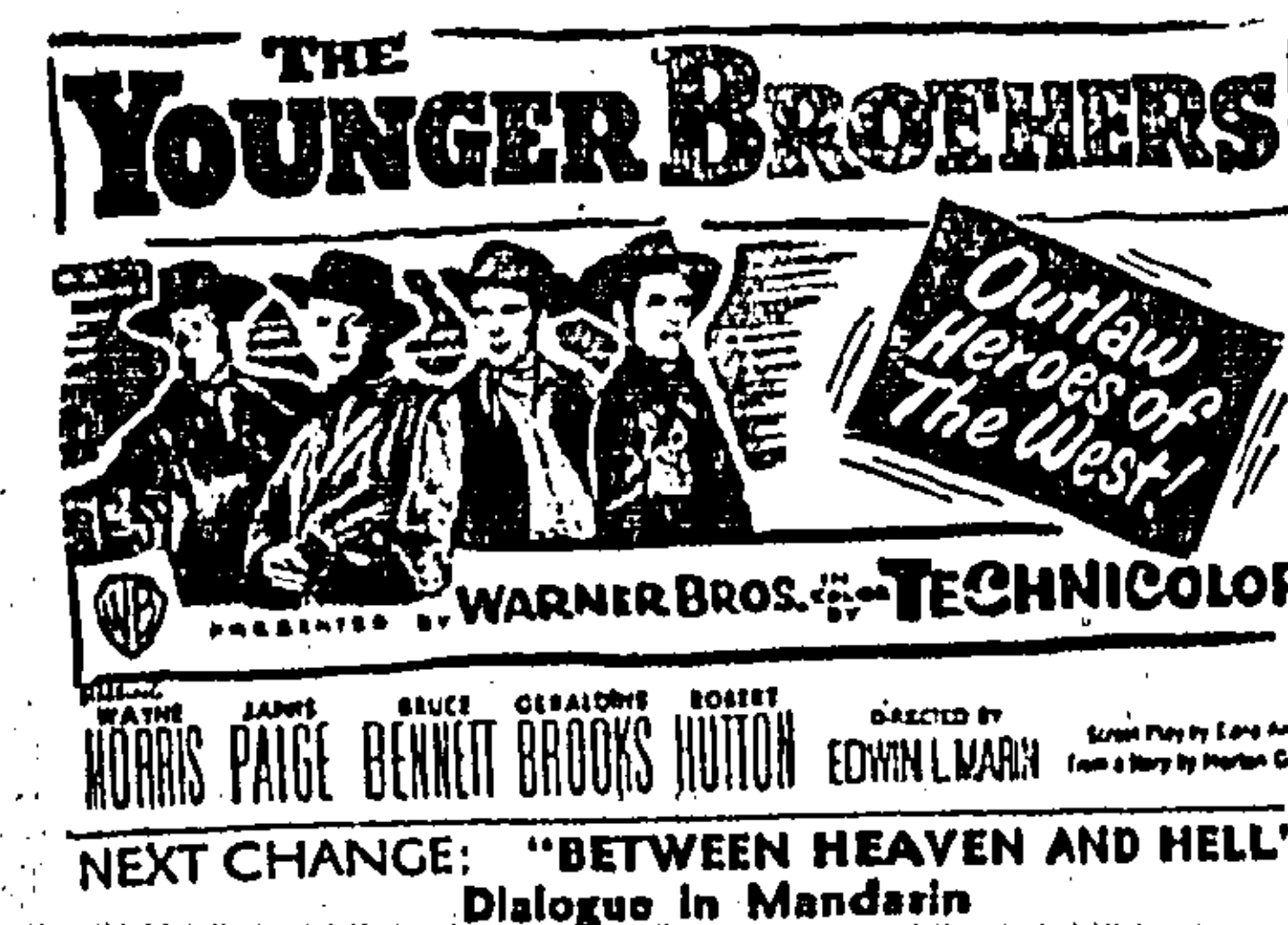
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HOW YOU CAN LIVE
TO BE 100

by Sidney Rodin

MR. THEODORE C. TAYLOR, one of Yorkshire's most successful woollen manufacturers, has just celebrated his 100th birthday.

Doctors say he has the physical fitness and mental alertness only rarely possessed by men in their seventies.

Almost every morning, as he wakes at Grassington in the Dales after four or five hours' sound sleep, he tells his wife, "I must be up. I have a great deal to do."

Only two years ago he went to the U.S.A. to push the sale of woollen goods. He may go again, for he likes travel.

Smooth skin

I WENT to Yorkshire to try to fathom the secret of his seemingly eternal vigour. How is it that this remarkable man, who never sleeps a nap during the day and can switch from subject to subject in unflagging conversation, has preserved his stamina for so long?

Although the sun shone, he sat in the rear seat of his car with black overcoat over brown suit—both made from his own fine wool cloth—his legs propped up on a footrest and well covered with travelling rugs.

He was on his way to preside at a directors' meeting at Batley. He makes the 40-mile journey twice a week.

The skin under the soft white hair on his face was smooth and rounded. So was the skin on his hands. The protruding veins of the very aged were absent.

To save time, he insisted that I interview him as we travelled.

He told me he has never planned to safeguard his health, except that 10 years ago, when he believed his heart to be weak, he stopped his habit of running. "I am always in a hurry because I have an eager nature."

From that day he walked fast only on flat ground. A lift was installed at the mill to save him climbing stairs to his office.

No dreams

HE dresses warmly because, he thinks, he has poor circulation. All his life he has eaten plain food sparingly. He has never smoked or taken alcohol.

He observes regular mealtimes and goes to bed at ten. He sleeps on his left side wearing a long pyjama coat, almost covering his pyjama trousers. He rarely dreams.

He had risen at six on the day we met. He took his normal morning bath in six inches of warm water and dressed himself without help—save for the tying of his bootlaces—before self-indulgence, shortsens eating cornflakes, toast and life, marmalade, farm milk and a softly boiled egg.

At 10.15 in the board-room where he has made often think of my business decisions and guided the destinies of his firm he puzzle out a problem in drank a glass of milk.

Pudding

AT 12.30 he lunched in the directors' canteen 1933. —eating Yorkshire pudding carried him off in Worth as a separate dish, a little in 1940. The protruding veins of the very aged were absent.

and two prunes. He drank water.

Back home that evening he ate minestrone soup and a little fish. He does not eat after 7.30.

He read a book on plant life in the Andes and answered letters before retiring.

Only exercise he has ever taken is walking in the country, where he studies wild flowers. At present he is so busy that his wife has to persuade him to leave his work to take this diversion.

In his strong, clear voice he said to me: "I try not

- ★ He gave up running at ninety
- ★ Has never smoked and doesn't drink
- ★ Eats plain food sparingly
- ★ Goes to bed at ten, up at six

AND

I try not to worry, for worry shortens life

true my mother died aged 31 and my father at 58, but my maternal grandfather lived till 92, and his wife till 97. From them I have inherited a strong constitution.

"I early acquired the habit of working hard. I have tried to serve God all my days, and this has brought me happiness."

I still felt I had not entirely grasped the centenarian's secret of long life. I questioned Mrs. Taylor, a Scotswoman in her seventies. She said: "My husband is a man with a tremendous interest in everything in the world."

"He declares that the longer he lives the more he realises how little he knows. Thus his mind is kept alert seeking more knowledge."

"He is active and fearless. If a burglar came to the house he would be the first down to ask him what he wanted."

"But I have good ancestors. It is

—(London Express Service)

Re-arm Germany? Ja!

KURT IS SCARED

By SELKIRK PANTON

BERLIN. If we don't arm ourselves too," He was an ex-Luftwaffe pilot, and said: "I want to get back into a plane."

Kurt, the barman, who served in a crack panzer unit, told me much the same. "Six months ago," he said, "I was against a new army. Now it is different. We want to be able to defend ourselves."

Ex-officers' associations are flooding the West German Government with demands for a new German army.

Hitler's crack panzer expert, General Kurt von Manteuffel, now working in a screw factory in the Ruhr, recently sent a memorandum to Chancellor Adenauer demanding a German army of 30 divisions with strong panzer formations.

The fear

THE German military commentators, including General Dittmar of the Berlin wartime radio, are at their old job, commenting on the Korean war. They sniff at the American case, and suggest that they could do the job quite easily.

They believe that West Germany will have an army of some sort within a year.

The Americans are already giving rifles to 10,000 Germans, who will be quartered in barracks once built. Hitler's army is following the American lead.

Let us be fair to the Germans. They are a dangerous people with or without arms. But their desire for an army today to play its part in Western defence is not motivated by the wish for a war of revenge against the West.

It is born of fear.

Before the Korean attack they were afraid of what the Soviet Union and the East German Communist army might do to them in the West. Now, after Korea, they are terrified.

They see themselves as another "South Korean vacuum" into which the East might like to pour its hordes for richer booty and treasure than they have found in the Asiatic paddy-fields.

The dilemma

THE Western leaders, whether they like it or not, must face up to the dilemma of the West: to arm, or not to arm, the 50,000,000 in Western Germany.

Military experts say that the only reason for not re-arming the Germans could be the conviction that an open conflict between East and West is impossible, or the fear of a resurgent Germany.

The supporters of the establishment of a German army, however, say that the danger of such an East-West conflict might become more unlikely if the West is strengthened by strong German military forces.

There are, of course, great dangers in such a plan. These are:

1 THE RE-ARMING of Western Germany might provoke the Soviet Union to strike before the army was fully functioning.

2 THE GERMANS, who will never give up their dream of regaining the lands lost in the east to Poland and Russia, might start a war with the Soviet Union or her satellite, the East German Republic, and drag the West in with her.

3 THE POSSIBILITY that re-armed Western Germany might make a pact with the Soviet Union, once more dividing Poland between them.

The price

THE West German Government will demand a price before it agrees to an army or full co-operation.

This will include a peace settlement, the restoration of full sovereignty and the withdrawal of the Western occupation forces once the new German Wehrmacht is strong enough.

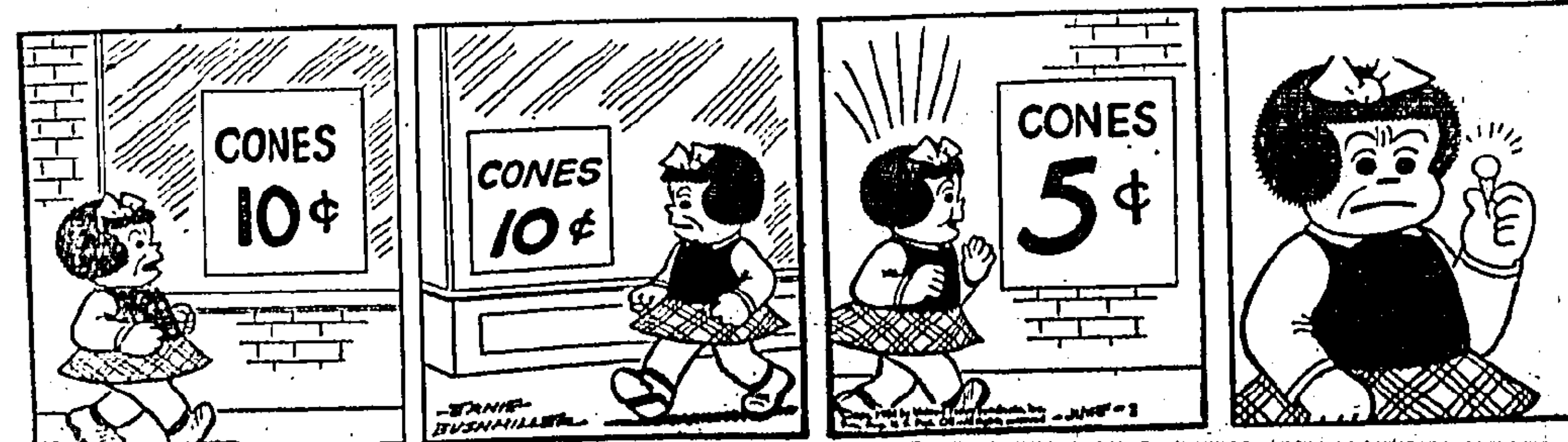
The Bonn Government has already said it will not supply German infantry as "cannon fodder" for the West. The Germans want either a real army with strong panzer and Luftwaffe formations to collaborate with the West—or nothing.

—(London Express Service)

NANCY

Licked

By Ernie Bushmiller



AMERICAN ARMY DEVELOPING NEW TANKS

Washington, Aug. 23.

A spokesman said on Wednesday that the Army is developing a "family" of new light, medium and heavy tanks which, he claimed, will be the best in the world.

The spokesman would not say when any of the new tanks would be ready for combat. But he indicated it would be many months for the light and medium tanks, and possibly more than two years for the heavy tanks.

There appeared to be little chance that any would be ready in time to be used in Korea if the fighting there ends within a year—as Defence officials now expect.

Firepower will be emphasized in all weights of the new tanks instead of mobility, as in the World War II American tanks. Mobility will be of secondary importance in the light and medium tanks. Armour protection will be the third consideration.

The combat characteristics of the heavies will be, in order of importance: Firepower, armour protection and mobility.

The new T-41 light tanks—which the Cadillac Motor Company is getting ready to produce—will be "speedy and hard-hitting" and should be a "good match" for the Russian T-34 medium, the spokesman said. The T-41 will be transportable by plane. The new medium, he said, would be "more than a match" for the Russian T-34's and, "under certain circumstances," should give the Communist heavy tank, the Stalin III, "considerable trouble."

"BEST IN WORLD"

The spokesman claimed that the planned American heavy tanks would be able to whip the Stalin III with its 122 mm. gun "under any set of conditions." He also predicted that this new heavy would be superior to any improved model of the Stalin tank that Russia may develop. The spokesman also claimed that the guns of the new United States tanks will be "the best in the world." He would not reveal their calibre, but indicated they would be larger than those used on present tank models. Present United States medium tanks have 90 mm. guns. The American light tank has 75 mm. guns.

The United States Army does not have a heavy tank in operation now.

The Army has asked Congress for \$100,000,000 to buy light and medium tanks. Indications were that the new mediums were either ready or are just about to be put in production. But the heavies, apparently still in the experimental stage.

The spokesman said that the Communist T-34 was a "tank" for the Russians, but not for our doughboys.—United Press.

Eugene Thomas Dead

New York, Aug. 23. Eugene Thomas, 74, President of the National Foreign Trade Council since 1933, died here today. Thomas once was President of the United States Steel Export Corporation.—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"They're increasing the national debt by \$15,000,000 a day—but why make me pay for it by cutting down my post deliveries?"

Royal Birth Announced



After the birth of Princess Elizabeth's second child on August 15 crowds of Londoners filed past the main gate to inspect the official bulletin posted outside Clarence House, the residence of the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh.—(Central Press Photo).

T.U.C. To Help Trade Unions In Colonies

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

London, Aug. 23.

The British Trades Union Congress plans to spend £37,000 in the next two years to help trade unions in 23 Colonial centres.

The proposals include sending experienced and suitable British trade unionists to the Colonies; spreading the knowledge of the history of trade unionism through books and literature; granting transport assistance and providing office equipment.

Submitting to the recommendation for the annual meeting of the TUC at Brighton next month the General Council declares that assistance for the union organisations in the Colonies is an urgent and vital task.

Reference is made to the "very frank" report of the Fitzgerald Commission of Enquiry into the Colliery shootings in Nigeria in November. This report severely criticised a certain trade union leadership. Whereas in Britain the trade union movement has developed on a purely industrial basis the General Council states that in the Colonies "unions can be and have been used by persons who are in the industrial organisations a channel through which personal political ambitions can be furthered."

LITERATURE NEEDED

Colonial trade unions, requiring the help and expert guidance for which they ask. The tremendous demand for suitable books and literature from Colonial trade unions is being met. The West India Committee, for example, had made enquiries for hundreds of copies of the history of trade unionism.

It is proposed to spend £5,000 on books and literature. The report recognises the new Trade Union International also plans to aid unions in backward countries, but the TUC General Council feels that it is necessary to maintain "direct contact" with the Colonies.

Any breaking of this link, they say, would have a serious effect in the Colonies themselves.

DRAINING BOMBAY OF ITS LIQUOR

Bombay, Aug. 23.

The Bombay Government today ordered foreigners living permanently in this prohibited State to surrender their liquor permits for "reconsideration."

It is understood that the renewal will need a medical certificate that the applicant's health would be permanently impaired with no alcohol.

But people can still get alcohol in "outer zones" today. The High Court yesterday quashed restrictions on the sale and use of toilet and medicinal preparations containing alcohol.

Such preparations were in the Bombay shop-windows today for the first time since April.

But "hard liquor" was available only to those who had a liquor permit for health reasons or were on a six-months' tourist visit.

Whether to grant permits to troops stationed in the State is still understood to be under consideration by the Government.

But bars in Army messes and ships' canteens have been sealed.

The defence authorities have ordered officers and men to "stop drinking and surrender sticks" in view of the High Court's decision that there can be no exemptions.

Meanwhile, the only people to be found at the city's four "permit rooms" in hotels today were tourists or "health drinkers."—Reuter.

Disturbing Canadian Rail Strike

Ottawa, Aug. 23.

The Canadian Parliament has been called to meet next Tuesday to act in the general strike, the Prime Minister, Mr. Louis St. Laurent, announced today.

He told reporters that the special session would deal with the Canadian situation as well as the strike.

In Canada 124,000 railway workers are on strike. They are demanding higher wages and shorter hours.

Loaves, bags, suitcases and other vital supplies from the strike-bound railways.

Railways and communications have been almost at a standstill since the strike began. The Canadian Railway Association estimates that more than 200,000 railway workers and clerks will be laid off as a result of the strike.

Canadian paper mills will shut down by the end of the week if the strike is not ended, the Canadian Paper Association announced today.

BRINK OF CHAOS

Montreal, Aug. 23.

Canada was on the brink of critical food shortages and industrial chaos today as a result of its two-day-old nationwide strike of railroad employees.

The strike has cut off food from coast to coast, for no other country in the world is so dependent on its railroads.

Food rationing began in five isolated mining towns in Northern Ontario. Gasoline rationing was imminent in many sections of the prairie provinces. Banks in remote towns and villages said they faced a shortage of ready cash.

Lay-offs totalled 100,000 men and were rising hourly. All telephone service was cut off and mail and radio programmes were curtailed. Isolated villages in Canada's bush country said food would have to be parachuted if the strike continued.—United Press.

TALENT SPOTTING BY FAROUK

Deauville, Aug. 23.

King Farouk of Egypt, went "talent spotting" in Deauville Casino last night and picked two young French girls for contracts in Cairo night clubs.

The King slept late in the Golf Hotel today again after playing chemin de fer for high stakes until three in the morning.

He was 11,000 francs (about £11,000) up on his five successive nights' play when he fell down last night. The present state of his profit and loss account was being worked out by the croupiers today.

King Farouk watched the elimination stage to choose the finalists for the 1,000,000 franc (about £1,000,000) French Grand Prix De la Chance—a competition to choose a popular song by an unknown author.

He was so pleased with the two girl singers that he ordered one of his staff to see that they were immediately offered contracts to sing in Cairo.—Reuter.

American Interest In Germany's Bid For More Troops

Washington, Aug. 23.

The United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, today commented on suggestions that the United States and Britain should reinforce their occupation troops in Germany and that German manpower should be utilised in Western rearmament.

At his weekly press conference he praised the speech made by Mr. John Sherman Cooper, Republican adviser in the State Department, in which Mr. Cooper said the occupation forces should be reinforced in Germany.

Mr. Acheson also said, "The general strengthening of Western Europe is a question to which we are all devoting the utmost attention."

"The manner in which it will be obtained and what contribution Germany will make is a matter for discussion among governments."

"At this stage I feel that it would not be useful for me to comment further on the subject."

Mr. Acheson said that the German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, had not demanded remilitarisation of Western Germany at a recent meeting of the Allied High Commissioners but had pleaded for a strengthening of Western European defences, including Germany.

Declaring that this was not the tone nor character of the meeting, Mr. Acheson said that Dr. Adenauer had presented the security situation as he saw it, particularly the remilitarisation going on in Eastern Germany, which he characterised as "entirely outside the police field and along the line of straight remilitarisation."

Mr. Acheson added, "He did make a plea for greater strength in Western Europe, including Germany. I believe that this is his greatest concern and that he is not attempting to prejudice the extent or manner of German participation in increasing this strength."—Reuter.

Millions Lose Homes In Quake

London, Aug. 23.

A further earthquake shock was reported from Dibrugarh, in the extreme northeast of Assam, this morning. New Delhi Radio reported tonight.

The Radio said that some 5,000,000 people had been rendered homeless by the series of quakes in Assam since August last week.

Besides the loss of thousands of head of cattle, washed away in the floods which followed the earth tremors, arable land has been covered by sand. This is likely to result in the mass destruction of crops, the Radio said.

The full extent of the destruction could not yet be estimated but it was known that the earthquake was more devastating than the one in 1907.

The first airborne supplies were dropped over the stricken area today by Indian Air Force Dakotas, the Radio added.—Reuter.

Matter Of Hours

Brussels, Aug. 23.

Identification of the two men who shot dead the Communist leader, M. Julien Lahaut, on Friday, is "a matter of hours now."

M. Michel Louppe, the examining magistrate, revealed this tonight.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6.00, "Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary. 6.15, "Children's Hour." 6.30, "The Playroom Bookshelf." Presented by Elizabeth Ann (Studio). 6.45, "London Studio Melodies." 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